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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT BY CHILEAN AIR FORCE

1. I HAVE RECEIVED LETTER DATED JANUARY 15, 1974 FROM GENERAL LEIGH, JUNTA MEMBER, AND CINC CHILEAN AIR FORCE (FACH) REQUESTING U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IN ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT TO INCREASE OPERATING EFFICIENCY OF FACH. EQUIPMENT DESIRED IS:

A. FIGHTER-BOMBERS: 18 F-5E AIRCRAFT; 18 A-7D AIRCRAFT.

B. AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM CONSISTING OF: 7 GROUPS OF 35MM GUNS (APPROXIMATELY 28 GUNS); 3 MEDIUM RANGE MISSILE BATTERIES; 7 SHORT RANGE MISSILE BATTERIES; 2 FIXED WARNING RADARS; 4 MOBILE WARNING RADARS; AND 4 MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL RADARS.

2. LETTER NOTES THAT F-5E ACQUISITION "ALREADY UNDERWAY" AND RE OTHER ITEMS STATES THAT FOR MANY REASONS CHILE PREFERS TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT FROM U.S. SOURCES AND REALIZES THIS WILL REQUIRE DECIDED USG SUPPORT. LEIGH REQUESTS URGENT DECISION.

3. I AM SENDING INTERIM REPLY ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF LETTER AND INDICATING IT BEING FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.

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COPIES BOTH LETTERS BEING POUCHED.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT CHILE IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE CREDITS FOR THE F-5E ACQUISITION FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE U.S. AND THAT THE EACH SHARE OF ANY U.S. FMS CREDITS WILL BE APPLIED TO OTHER REFERENCED SYSTEMS (THE A-7D AND THE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT CHILE IS LOOKING AT THE BRITISH MK-2 BUCKANEER AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS THE A-7D AIRCRAFT AND WILL ACQUIRE WHICHEVER APPEARS TO BE FIRST AVAILABLE.

5. ACTION: REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR DEFINITIVE REPLY TO GENERAL LEIGH.

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